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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/FDA/SFCP - NEW AGREEMENT 03-621-F, "A COURSE
IN REGULATORY ANALYSIS" - JOINT WORKING GROUP ON
MEDICAL COOPERATION

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1. DR. AHMAD MAZEN, UNDERSECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
HOSTED DINNER EVENING MAY 15 TO MARK END OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
REGULATORY ANALYSIS TRAINING COURSE WHICH HELD CAIRO APRIL 12
TO MAY 16 UNDER FDA DIRECTION. SEMINAR CAME ABOUT THROUGH
JWG ON MEDICAL COOPERATION.

2. EGYPTIANS INVOLVED IN TRAINING SEMINAR HAD HIGH PRAISE
FOR EFFORTS OF SIX MEMBERS OF FDA TEAM WHO SPENT TOTAL OF
TWENTY NINE DAYS IN EGYPT WORKING WITH EGYPTIAN TECHNICIANS
TO TRAIN THEM IN DRUG PRODUCTION CONTROL TECHNIQUES AND TO TEACH
THEM TO USE SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WHICH THE TEAM BROUGHT WITH
THEM AND WHICH BEING LEFT BEHIND FOR USE IN EGYPTIAN CONTROL
EFFORT. EGYPTIANS COMMENTED THAT NO OTHER TRAINING COURSES
(FROM FRENCH, EAST GERMANS, CZECHS) HAD EVER DEALT WITH PRACTICAL
APPLICATION. AMERICANS ACTUALLY ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND
WENT THROUGH THE FRUSTRATIONS OF TEACHING SOMETHING THAT WILL
HELP EGYPTIANS DO WORK BETTER.

EGYPTIANS ALSO NOTED THAT UNLIKE PREVIOUS TECHNICAL ADVISORS,
AMERICAN TEAM DID NOT DENIGRATE FACILITIES OR STUDENTS, RATHER
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THEY SHOWED EGYPTIANS HOW TO USE THE AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT TALENT

TO BEST ADVANTAGE. THIS IS IMPORTANT POINT TO REMEMBER IN
PREPARING FOR FUTURE MISSIONS.

3. DR. MAZEN NOTED THAT MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS DEVELOPING
PLAN TO ESTABLISH FOOD AND DRUG CONTROL ORGANIZATION ALONG LINES
FDA AND SAID PERHAPS GOE WILL TABLE PROPOSAL DURING FORTHCOMING
JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING REGARDING SOME SORT OF FORMAL
ARRANGEMENT WITH FDA. FDA SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS PLAN TO REPORT
FURTHER ON MATTERS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT JWG MEETING.

4. EMBASSY PLEASED AT OUTCOME OF THIS FIRST ACTUAL EXCHANGE
EFFORT UNDER JWG FRAMEWORK. INTERACTION OF PARTICIPANTS WAS
PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING AND BOTH SIDES ACHIEVED HIGH DEGREE
OF SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS. SUCH SHORT TERM CONTACTS BETWEEN
EXPERTS WILL BE LASTING CONTRIBUTION TOIMPROVING EGYPTIAN-
AMERICAN RELATIONS.

5. WE WISH TO MAKE SPECIAL COMMENDATION TO FOLLOWING
PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CONFERENCE FOR THEIR
EXTRA EFFORT, WHICH REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE ADAPTIVE
SKILLS AND PATIENCE:

A. CONSTANTINE ZERVOS
B. JEFFREY A. STAFFA
C. GEORGE SCHWARTZMAN
D. THOMAS DOYLE
E. CHARLOTTE BRUNNER
F. ALBERT POHLAND
G. STANLEY NESHEIM
H. LAVERNE KAMPS
I. LEON SAWYER

DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CALL FDA'S ATTENTION TO LAUDATORY
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